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Appl. No.: 10/099,953 Group: 1743  
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For: PREPARATION OF AN OIL SAMPLE FOR X-RAY  
FLUORESCENCE ANALYSIS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
(SUBMISSION AFTER FINAL REJECTION)

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 24, 2005

Sir:

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An English language version of the search report or action that indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office is attached, thereby satisfying the requirement for a concise explanation. See MPEP 609(III) (A) (3) .

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The following additional information is provided for the Examiner's consideration.

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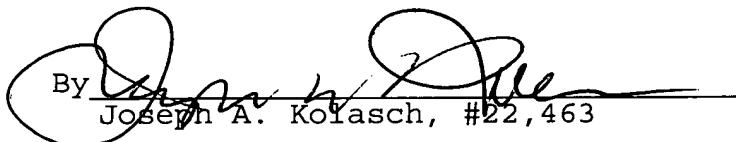
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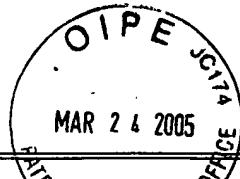
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							YES	NO
JP	08-136480	A	1996-05-31	JAPAN			ABS	
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Include Name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.) date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.)

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